

AMENDMENT TO ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract to read as follows.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

-- An approach is provided for supporting retrieval of web content over a meshed communication network (111). A first server (105) receives a request from a browser application (103) for the content resident in the web server (109). The first server (105) includes a downstream proxy (401) configured to modify the request to include information specifying support of a parse and pre-fetch service within an optional header field of the request as to permit handling of the modified request by the web server (109) in absence of an upstream proxy (403) that is communicating with the web server (109). A second server (107) is configured as the upstream proxy (403) to intercept the modified request and pre-fetch the content from the web server (109). The second server (107) forwards the pre-fetched content over the communication network (111) to the first server (105). This approach has particular applicability in relatively high latency networks, such as a satellite communications system.--